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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Harumi MORINO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7806
Application No.: 10/695,882 : Group Art Unit: 2439
Filed: October 30, 2003 : Allowed: July 09, 2009
Examiner: K. L. Schmidt

For: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING LICENSE FOR PROTECTING CONTENT, SERVER FOR
ISSUING LICENSE FOR PROTECTING CONTENT, AND TERMINAL FOR USING
CONTENT PROTECTED BY LICENSE

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)**

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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the July 09, 2009 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Although Applicants agree that the claims are patentable over the art, entry of the Statement into the record should not necessarily be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants or as a basis for any narrow claim interpretation or estoppel.

The Statement quotes certain common recitations of the independent claims and asserts that the art does not teach those recitations "along with other limitations" of the independent claims. The patentable language of the allowed claims is already of record in the case and is adequately clear. Applicants positions on patentability, including discussions of relevant recitations of the independent claims, also are already of record in the prosecution history of this

application. Repetition of claim language in the Statement adds nothing substantive to the record and should not create any narrowing interpretation or estoppel. Also, the Statement's vague reference to combination along with other limitations should not be construed as placing any additional weight on other individual elements of the claims, and as such, should not impose any cumulative requirement for patentability or related estoppel with regard to other claim elements.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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